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# Overrated Flames?

► Calgary only team to have three skaters in top 15 on dubious list determined by unnamed NHL athletes ► Former Flame Dion Phaneuf deemed most overrated of all

Five hundred and one goals, 541 assists, four and a half seasons without missing a single game and two Olympic gold medals.

But it appears all of Calgary Flames captain Jarome Iginla's accomplishments have done little to impress some of his hockey-playing peers, who place him

among the most overrated athletes in the National Hockey League (NHL), according to a new Sports Illustrated poll.

A total of 161 NHL skaters were surveyed and results placed Iginla at 12th most overrated.

"You look at his list of achievements and almost certain induc-

tion into the Hall of Fame — it's hard to believe you can call him overrated," said QR77 sports director Mark Stephen.

"Some folks don't know what they're doing as far as I am concerned."

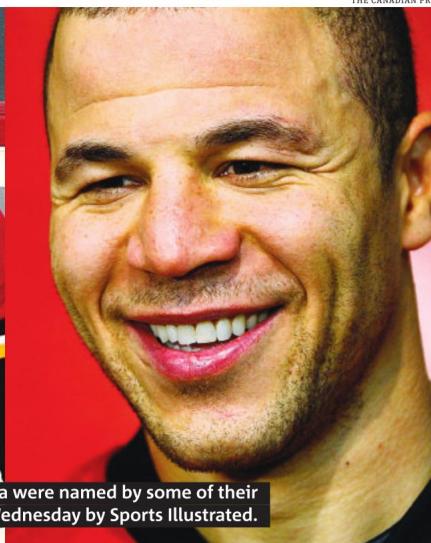
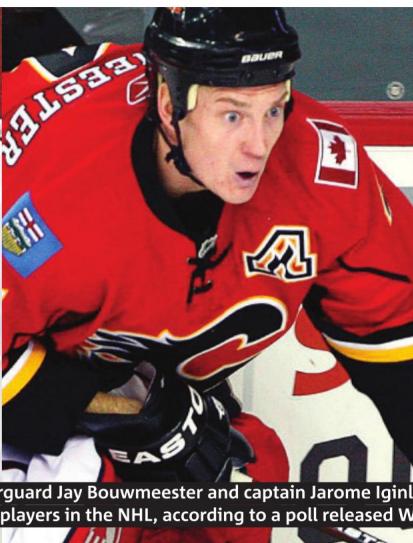
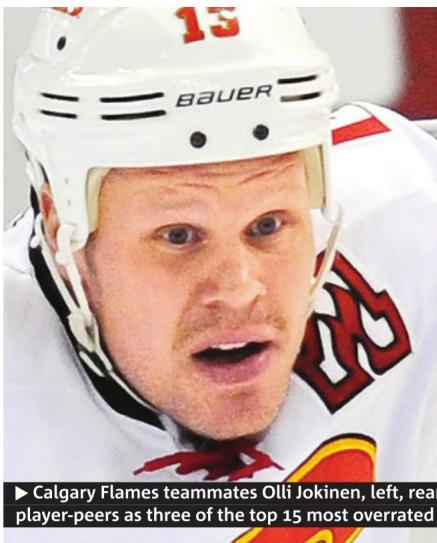
Iggy was joined on the less-than flattering top-15 list by fellow

Flame Jay Bouwmeester at No. 8 and Olli Jokinen at No. 14.

"I am surprised by Iginla, but not Jokinen or Bouwmeester," said diehard fan Kelsey Hipkin. "I have met the guy (Iginla). He's a great guy, a great player and a great ambassador for the city."

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► Calgary Flames teammates Olli Jokinen, left, rearguard Jay Bouwmeester and captain Jarome Iginla were named by some of their player-peers as three of the top 15 most overrated players in the NHL, according to a poll released Wednesday by Sports Illustrated.

## Calgary 311 calls on the decline

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## Police worried about toxic ecstasy

Examinations performed on the bodies of five people who died after ingesting ecstasy revealed a toxic chemical that is five times more toxic than standard offerings of the drug.

The chemical, known as paramethoxymethamphetamine (PMMA), has never been seen before by the Calgary police drug unit and it's very possible that more samples of the laced pills are being actively sold in the city, said Det. Doug Hudacin.

"You can have a fatal dose at a much smaller amount," he said. "It's very concerning."

Investigators believe active crackdowns on traditional ecstasy compounds, also known as MDMA, have led drug manufacturers to search for a cheaper, more readily available alternative.

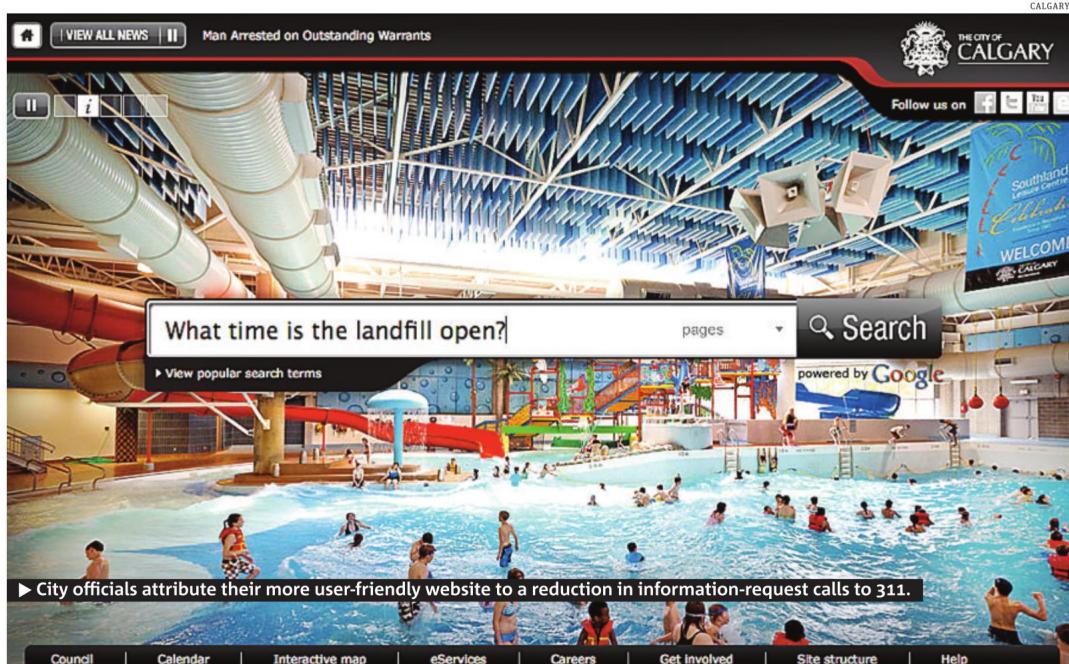
Hudacin said PMMA produces similar effects to MDMA but at a much faster rate.

"It becomes more extreme — the escalation of your heart rate and body temperature," he said.

Concern from police initially emerged after a 16-year-old died after taking what was believed to be ecstasy in November. Since then, the deaths of four other individuals between the ages of 18 and 31 have been linked to drug use.

"Let's face it, people are taking the word of a criminal that these pills are safe," Hudacin said. "We are certainly not dealing with reputable business people here."

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# City site helps avert needless 311 calls

► Information requests have dropped since website launch about five months ago ► Staff able to focus on service requests: Manager of citizen services



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Since launching a new, more user-friendly website, City of Calgary officials say citizens are having their questions answered before dialing 311.

The revamped Calgary.ca was launched in August with a Google-based search engine that allows users to query the site for city information.

As a result, information

calls to 311 have been on the decrease, according to Paul Taylor, corporate-web-services team lead.

"When we reconceptualized Calgary.ca, we wanted to make it easier for people to find things," he said.

According to Taylor, since the launch of the website, the number of calls per service request has dropped by about 4.5 per cent, which over the course of a year would add up to approximately

53,550 fewer calls.

Manager of citizen services Terry Pearce said the website has increased 311 staff's efficiency.

"It's knocking away is-the-landfill-open kind of questions," he said. "It's a better way to handle simple information calls and let the people deal with the more complex issues."

Pearce said that in the future the website may also handle simple service requests.

"It is more efficient. The

### Calls pour in

- 311 receives about 1,000 calls per day.
- Information requests and service requests each make up half of those calls.
- In the last quarter of 2011, Taylor said Calgary.ca was receiving about 15,000 hits per day.

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## GANG VIOLENCE

**Third youth arrested in reserve shooting**

A third youth accused in the fatal shooting of a five-year-old boy on a central Alberta reserve is in custody.

RCMP say they made the arrest with the help of Edmonton's police tactical unit at an apartment in the city's northwest Tuesday night.

The youth is one of three teenagers charged in the manslaughter of Ethan Yellowbird from the Samson Cree First Nation in Hobbema last July.

The boy was sleeping in his bed when a bullet fired from outside his bedroom wall struck him in the head.

The other two teens had already been picked up by police and appeared in court Tuesday.

Police say the accused were 13, 16 and 17 at the time of the shooting and are all from the Hobbema area.

Chief Marvin Yellowbird, who had adopted Ethan as his spiritual grandchild, has said he hopes band members will keep talking with police so more arrests are made in unsolved crimes.

The crime-troubled reserve is one of four in the Hobbema area. The First Nation has struggled with gang violence for years.

Last week, Samson Cree members voted in favour of giving their leaders the authority to evict suspected troublemakers. Ethan's shooting was cited as one of the reasons the referendum was held.

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**Changes may be en route for needy transit riders****► Low-income adults pay \$40 per month for a transit pass**

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Low-income transit users and anti-poverty advocates are hoping council follows through with streamlining applications and assisting a wider range of Calgarians.

Bonnie Pacaud of Fair Fares said city hall is taking the first steps towards necessary changes, first by aligning applications for multiple city subsidy programs.

"What that means is you don't have to continually prove over and over again that you're poor," she said.

Currently, only those who fall below 75 per cent of the low-income cut-off

**Committee**

► Mayor Naheed Nenshi and the United Way announced a committee Wednesday, which will work towards creating a poverty reduction strategy.

(LICO) qualify for a subsidized transit pass.

Dan Meades of Vibrant Communities Calgary said he hopes that changes.

"What you're saying to people living between 75 per cent and 100 per cent of LICO is your poor, you're just not poor enough to help and that's really not what we want to see," he said.

As someone who utilizes



► Council is considering changes to low-income transit passes that would simplify the application process.

the low-income transit pass, Brad Robertson said the current application process is long, the pass still pricey. "(For) people who live in even subsidized housing, where they have to pay their electricity and everything on top of their rent, it's still pretty expensive."

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# Rec centre scores points with players

## ► Genesis Centre is a new hub for soccer teams

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Calgary soccer players finally have a place to get their kicks.

Genesis Centre of Community Wellness opens this weekend, and "it's going to be a huge boon for the kids in Calgary," said Daryl Leinweber, executive director of the Calgary Minor Soccer Association.

Leinweber said northeast Calgary has plenty of children who want to play soccer but that until now there have been few facilities available for them.

"It's going to be a boost to northeast Calgary," he said. "The Genesis Centre is community-minded, so there will be huge support for the teams that play there."

Leinweber said one of the many great things about the centre is that admission is free, which means more people can come and watch games.

"There's really no place like this in the northeast quadrant of the city," said Devan Seamans of Genesis Centre, adding that it's the first city recreation centre that does not have a hockey arena.

"Soccer enrolment rates in this part of the city are much higher than hockey," he said.

Already, the centre has rented out facilities to four major soccer groups, automatically taking up all of the prime time in the field houses.

Leinweber noted that there are still not enough recreation centres in Calgary.

"Because of the short-

### In the beginning

- Genesis Centre opens to the public on Jan. 14 and 15.
- The centre, which sits on 47 acres of land, houses two indoor field houses, two outdoor soccer pitches, a gymnasium, a multi-purpose room, three meeting rooms and a kitchen.
- A public pass can be bought to play in areas that aren't booked, says Devan Seamans, who works at Genesis Centre.
- Passes for Genesis Centre are \$19 a person or \$38 for a family.

age, players can't play and practise in the same type of facility," he said.



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# 'Much the same' in Haiti

According to a Haitian-Calgarian, conditions in Haiti are still just as bad as when earthquake hit

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It's been two years since the earthquake in Haiti and not much has changed, says

Philippe Pierre. Pierre, who came to Calgary in 2000, recently returned to Haiti to visit his family for a second time since the earthquake hit.

"Since my first visit three months after the earthquake, there's not much difference. Everything is very much the same," he said.

Pierre Pierre was planning to eventually move back to Haiti to open a business. After the earthquake, he's not sure when or if that will ever happen.

"The conditions are really bad," he said. "I would say 90 per cent of the people are still living in tents, and now there's cholera happening there."

Pierre Pierre still has two brothers living in Haiti who have been lucky enough to relocate to a new home. But, according to Pierre Pierre, for most that's not the case.

"Things are going super

slow there," he said.

On Wednesday it was announced one of the most visible symbols of the earthquake will soon be dismantled as officials relocate nearly 20,000 people from a tent camp outside the collapsed National Palace.

President Michel Martelly said Canada would help move residents from the Champ de Mars plaza to new homes north of the capital.

He said that the operation would begin in six weeks.

"You've been here for two years, suffering without talking, with the kids," Martelly told a crowd of about a 1,000 onlookers who applauded the news.

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## Toronto councillor pokes fun at Nenshi's belly

Toronto Mayor Rob Ford and his city-councillor brother are taking part in a weight-loss challenge and are reportedly encouraging Calgary's mayor to do the same.

"The first mayor we might target is our friend

over in Calgary, because he has a little beef on the front of him," Doug Ford said, according to the National Post.

Mayor Naheed Nenshi was reluctant to retort, but a member of his staff said they have yet to receive any formal challenges from Toronto, and the staff in the mayor's office are in fact already taking part in their own fitness challenge.

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## News in brief

### Police seek man in luring incident

CALGARY. Police are seeking public assistance in finding a man responsible for trying to lure a female into his vehicle on Tuesday near Southland Drive and Macleod Trail.

According to police the man is described as Caucasian, 55 to 58 years old, with a heavy build and short dark hair. Anyone with information should call 403-266-1234.

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## NDP pushes electricity issue

EDMONTON. Alberta's NDP opposition leader Brian Mason wants to make electricity generation an issue in an upcoming election campaign, and he's using all forms of social media to get the word out.

An online petition opposing deregulation is now circulating, and Facebook and Twitter likewise are delivering the message that Albertans aren't happy with our deregulated energy market.

"Albertans want off this ride," said Mason.

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# It's a jungle up there ...

## ► Space awash in planets: scientists

The cosmos is a crowded and crazy place as three new studies demonstrate a solar real estate boom

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► Kepler 35, a newly discovered planet, circles not one but two stars.

## Incoming! Space probe is falling, but where?

A falling space probe is keeping Russia — and the world — guessing.

Russian space officials hope the Phobos-Ground probe will fall into the Indian Ocean between Saturday and Monday.

But they have no guarantee of the crash site — although a large part of Canada, Scandinavia and most of Russia's territory

appear to be spared.

Phobos-Ground had been carrying 12 tons of highly toxic fuel.

Experts warned that if the fuel has frozen, it could survive re-entry through the atmosphere and pose a threat if it falls over populated areas.

But space officials insist all the fuel will burn on re-entry some 100 kilometres above ground and pose no danger.

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# Motorbike assassins strike

► As they speed by, they attach a magnetic bomb to top Iranian nuclear scientist's car ► He and his driver are killed, a pedestrian wounded ► Defiant Iran warns: 'We will continue our (nuclear) path'

It seemed a clockwork killing.

Motorcycle riders flashed by and attached a magnetic bomb onto a car carrying a top nuclear scientist working at Iran's main uranium-enrichment facility.

By the time the blast tore apart the silver Peugeot, the motorcycle was blocks away, weaving through Tehran traffic.

Behind it, the nuclear scientist lay dead and his driver dying. A pedestrian was wounded.

It was the latest strike in what Iran calls an escalating covert war — at least the fourth targeted hit against a member of Iran's nuclear brain trust in two years.

Wednesday's blast killed Mostafa Ahmadi Roshan, 32, a chemistry expert and a director of the Natanz uranium-enrichment facility, the centrepiece of Iran's expanding program to make nuclear fuel.

"A heinous act," said Iran's Atomic Energy Organization.

But it warned defiantly: "We will continue our (nuclear) path without any doubt ... Our path is irreversible."

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► Magnetic-bomb aftermath: A car is removed by mobile crane in Tehran on Wednesday in this photo provided by Iran's semi-official Fars News Agency.

## U.S. denies it



► The United States insisted it had nothing to do with Wednesday's killing.

► "I want to categorically deny any United States involvement in any kind of act of violence inside Iran," said Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, left.

► "We believe there has to be an understanding between Iran, its neighbours and the international community that finds a way forward for it to end its provocative behaviour."

## Israel hints at 'bad things'

**"I don't know who settled the score with the Iranian scientist but I certainly am not shedding a tear."**

ISRAEL'S CHIEF MILITARY SPOKESPERSON BRIG. GEN. YOAV MORDECHAI

Whodunnit? Iran pointed the finger at Israel for the bomb assassination.

Israeli officials, however, hinted at covert campaigns without directly admitting involvement.

"Many bad things have been happening to Iran in the recent period," said Mickey Segal, a former director of the Israeli military's Iranian intelligence

department. "Iran is in a situation where pressure on it is mounting, and the latest assassination joins the pressure."

Israeli military chief Lt. Gen. Benny Gantz was

quoted as telling a parliamentary panel that 2012 would be a "critical year" for Iran — in part because of "things that happen to it unnaturally."

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# Genocide accused's deportation delayed

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### ► UN to investigate claims that he will be tortured in Rwanda

After nearly two decades in Canada, a man accused of helping to incite the Rwandan genocide may have been granted one more reprieve that would delay deportation back to his homeland.

Leon Mugesera had been ordered to be deported early Wednesday when a Federal Court ruled against his last-ditch effort to stay in Canada, his home for the last 19 years.

But a pair of other developments, later in the day, complicated matters.

Mugesera's lawyer announced the United Nations Committee Against Torture has ordered Canada to keep him here while it investigates his claims he'd

**"Our fair legal system has determined that he is here illegally, he's guilty of serious war crimes, and that he has to face justice in his country of origin."**  
JASON KENNEY, IMMIGRATION MINISTER

be tortured in Rwanda.

Meanwhile, Mugesera was brought to hospital to be treated for an unspecified health issue. Television images showed him being carried out of his Quebec City home, laid out on a stretcher.

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► Leon Mugesera

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# 'Groomzilla' on a mission

► Divorced man's case against photo studio became a punchline in legal blogosphere and tabloids



► This photo provided by Canturi Jewels shows a custom-designed Barbie wearing a necklace featuring a one-carat pink diamond.

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## Call for bald Barbie

There's an online movement to get Barbie to attempt what could be her biggest feat yet: Going bald to fight cancer. A Facebook page titled Beautiful and Bald Barbie! Let's see if we can get it made, was started a few days before Christmas. By Wednesday afternoon, the page had more than 15,000 fans. The goal is to get toy maker Mattel Inc. to create a bald Barbie in support of children with cancer.

## Big fight over teensy frog and weensy fish

A frog that can perch on the tip of your pinky with room to spare has been claimed as the world's smallest vertebrate, outtying a fish that got the title in 2006.

However, a scientist who found another weensy fish disputes both claims.

An article Wednesday in the journal PLOS One named Paedophryne amauensis as the world's



► P. amauensis

smallest animal with a spine. But a University of Washington scientist says a male anglerfish he found in 2006 is even smaller.

Louisiana State University scientist Christopher Austin, who found the frogs, says he was comparing average species size — and the 1.8-inch (4.57-centimetre) female anglerfish is comparatively huge.

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It may come across as an extreme case of nuptial nostalgia: A now-divorced man saying a photography studio should pay to recreate his wedding to make up for what he considers flawed pictures and video.

But after being branded a "groomzilla," Todd Remis said Tuesday his now-notorious lawsuit is about holding a business to a pledge, not holding onto a broken

marriage.

"It was their failure to deliver after a promise and a handshake" agreement to retouch the photos, Remis said in a statement. "How could a business treat a customer this way?"

It was his first public response to a flurry of acidic commentary on the case in recent months.

While suits over wedding photographs aren't

unusual, what set Remis' case apart is his mention of wanting to reconstitute the ceremony and celebration of a bygone union. He said during sworn questioning this summer that the two began divorce proceedings in 2008. The split was final in 2010, and he said he believed his ex-wife had moved back to her native Latvia.

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► Todd Remis with his then-bride Milena Grzibovska in 2003.



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**Bankruptcies  
masked by low  
interest: Experts**

**FINANCES.** The Canadian bankruptcy rate fell in October as the unemployment rate dropped to its lowest level in years, but experts worry a surge in insolvencies could be on the horizon as the jobs picture worsens and debt loads grow.

The Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy said Wednesday that the number of insolvencies fell in October 2011 to 10,304 compared with 11,813 in October 2010. But experts say low interest rates could be masking

the number of people on the verge of financial collapse.

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**Iberia pilots  
strike again**

**FLIGHTS.** Spanish airline Iberia says it cancelled 104 flights during a one-day strike by pilots protesting the company's planned new budget carrier. The company said it has rescheduled flights for most of the estimated 10,000 passengers. This is the fourth one-day strike by pilot union SEPLA, which claims the budget airline will lead to job losses. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Prairie cities leading economic pack: Report

► **Saskatoon, Calgary, Edmonton top report's 2012 economic forecast**  
► **Calgary growth projected at 3.6%, two points above that of Edmonton**

Cities in Western Canada will lead in growth and prosperity over the next couple of years, according to an outlook released Wednesday by the Conference Board of Canada.

Western cities are benefiting from resource riches and attracting migrants, boding well for housing and consumer spending. Ed-

monton created almost 40,000 new jobs last year alone, the think-tank says.

"In spite of global economic turmoil, high prices for agricultural products, minerals and oil are likely to continue," said Mario Lefebvre, director of municipal studies for the board. "Canada's Prairie cities will reap the benefits of this global demand for commodities."

Central Canadian cities won't do nearly as well with manufacturing continuing to struggle amid the global slowdown, and government cutbacks weigh-

ing on growth domestically.

The board says the government's austerity measures for the civil service will result in a loss of 9,000 jobs over two years, restraining Ottawa-Gatineau's growth to 1.8 per cent in 2012.

Top cities for 2012 are Saskatoon at four per cent; Calgary at 3.6 per cent; Edmonton at 3.4 per cent; Regina at 2.9 per cent; and Toronto, Trois-Rivières, and Vancouver at 2.6 per cent. At the bottom is St. John's due to Newfoundland and Labrador's waning offshore oil production.

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## Skyscrapers portend recession?

A skyscraper-building boom in China and India may be a sign of an impending economic correction, according to Barclays Capital. Barclays has mapped an "unhealthy correlation" between construction of the buildings and impending financial crises. The Great Depression hit as record-breaking 40 Wall Street, the Chrysler Building and the Empire State Building were finished in New York. China has half of the world's skyscrapers under construction. India is seeing its first skyscraper-building boom, with 14 under construction.

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## Obama shifts focus back to jobs

### ► 'Unique moment' to invest in U.S., bring jobs home

President Barack Obama said Wednesday he wants to reward companies that invest in America and eliminate tax breaks for companies that don't, and he's planning new tax proposals to do it.

A day after his Republican foes competed in the New Hampshire primary, Obama sought to grab back the spotlight and underscore his focus on the economy by convening a White House forum on how to increase employ-



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ment and bring back jobs that have fled overseas.

Obama said that rising

U.S. productivity and competitive costs add up to "a unique moment, an inflection point" for businesses to invest in the U.S. and bring jobs back home.

He argued that business leaders have a responsibility to their country.

"So my message to business leaders today is simple: ask yourselves what you can do to bring jobs back to the country that made our success possible."

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## Pepsi to pay \$3.1M for race discrimination

Pepsi Beverages Co. has agreed to pay \$3.1 million US to settle federal charges of race discrimination for using criminal background checks to screen out job applicants.

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission says that Pepsi's policy of not hiring workers with arrest records excluded more than 300 black applicants.

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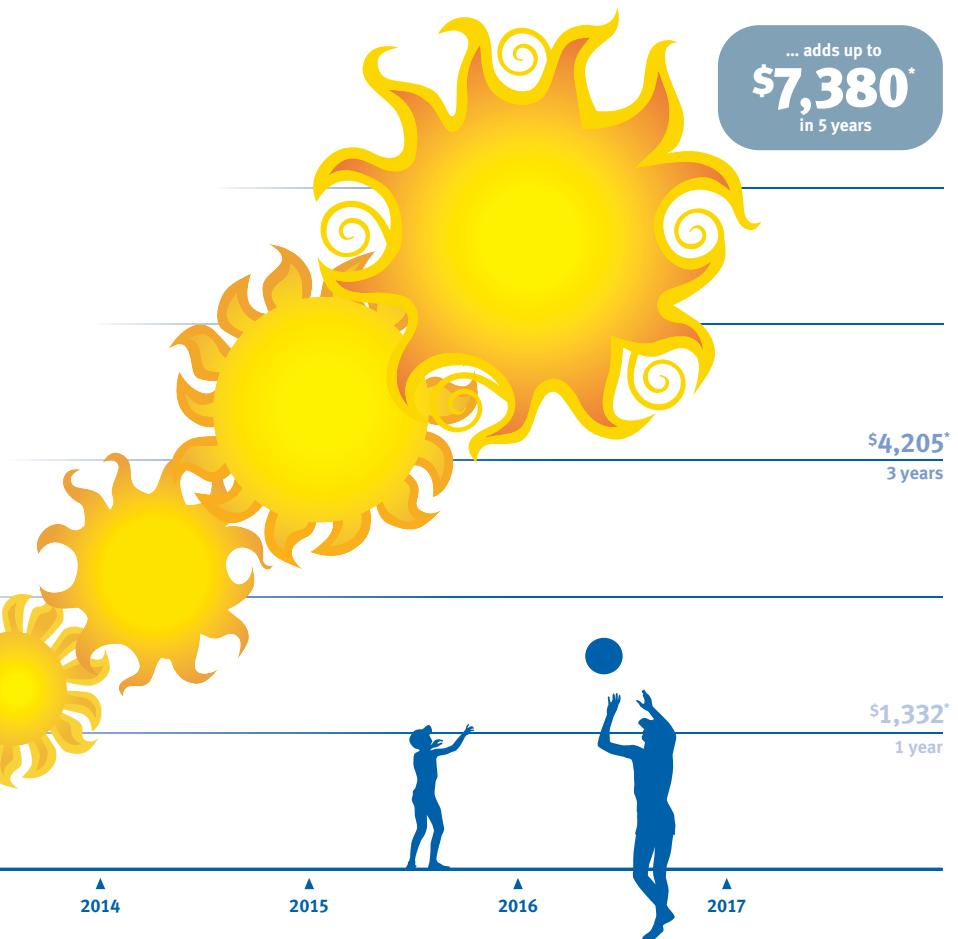


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With compliments like that, it's amazing my headshot doesn't swell right out of the frame. But years of headshot viewers acknowledging my existence have left me wanting more, and now I dream of getting a book published, so I can hear compliments like, "I saw your picture on a dust cover."

**"The best approach is to write characters based on people you hate — for example, you might have a villain called Jerky MacBadhusband."**

I've also read a lot about how to write a book. So that I might create more competition and therefore torture myself further, here's what I've learned.

### WRITING A BOOK

**Choose an idea:** Most coffee-shop patrons, first-year university students and other leading philosophers agree there are no new ideas. So it's OK to steal one. Ripping off one author is called an "homage." Ripping off multiple authors and mashing them together is called "finding your own voice."

**Choose characters:** The best approach is to write characters based on people you hate — for example, you might have a villain called Jerky MacBadhusband. To protect yourself from legal issues, make sure the character wears a hat they don't wear in real life. Then say, "The character is actually a pastiche of many people I've met in my travels."

**Choose a plot:** Start with a first line that grabs readers, such as, "This book is covered in anthrax spores, sucker!" If stuck for an ending, walk away for a bit. Then quit and call it "first in a series." You'll get great buzz.

**Choose an agent:** This person will give you added legitimacy as a writer by making you poorer.

**Choose a cover:** This is the step by which everyone will judge your book. I recommend you seek out glowing quotations from friends who share names with famous people. If your dentist is Milan Kudera or the kid who mows your lawn is V.S. Naipaul, you're good to go.

With these tips, you'll have a completed tome in no time. If it goes well, let me know. I may pay homage to it.

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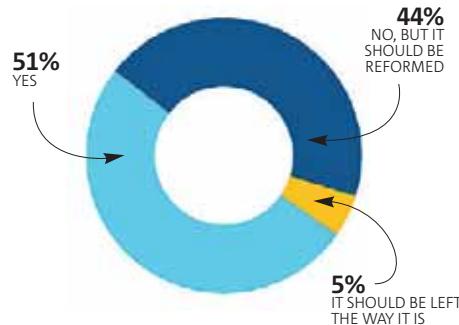
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► @Ashleystyle:

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► @MissLindseyDawn:

Dear @sobeys, im all for helping charities but the fact that im getting jumped on EVERY time i walk in... makes me want to avoid. #yyc

► @Sdefazio:

I like the

proposed #yyc slogan change - Be a Part of the Energy vs The Heart of the New West. Reference to the "West" in general is LAME!

► @Jeffreyquality:

Tried to report a broken into car – got told it wasn't a "car of interest" went up to door of house, not their car.

#yyc #coolstorybro

► @SPLORP:

There's an awful lot of Hummers and Land Rovers parked outside the Midnapore Value Village. #yyc

► @RoRYW:

In case you were wondering, the table next to you in a coffee shop is not a coat and bag rack.

#yyc #yyccoffee

## Daily Zoom



## Will and Kate reveal royal gifts

### Duke and Duchess of Cambridge say thank you

The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge laugh as they receive Team Canada hockey jerseys in Yellowknife on July 5.

Clarence House, the official website for the Prince of Wales, his sons and Kate, has released the list of all the gifts the royal couple collected in their cross-Canada tour with one- or two-word descriptions. Among them

are a diamond-encrusted brooch and cufflinks.

This has incensed the British tabloids, who smell a cover-up in the website's describing the widely reported custom-made platinum baubles encrusted with nearly 700 tiny diamonds from Canadian mines as, simply, a "brooch" and "cufflinks."

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## Rock solid

Celebrity jeweller Harry Winston crafted this 692-diamond set of polar bear cufflinks and brooch from diamonds from the Diavik Diamond Mine in the Northwest Territories, owned 40 per cent by the Harry Winston Diamond

Corp. They were given to the royal couple during their Canadian visit.

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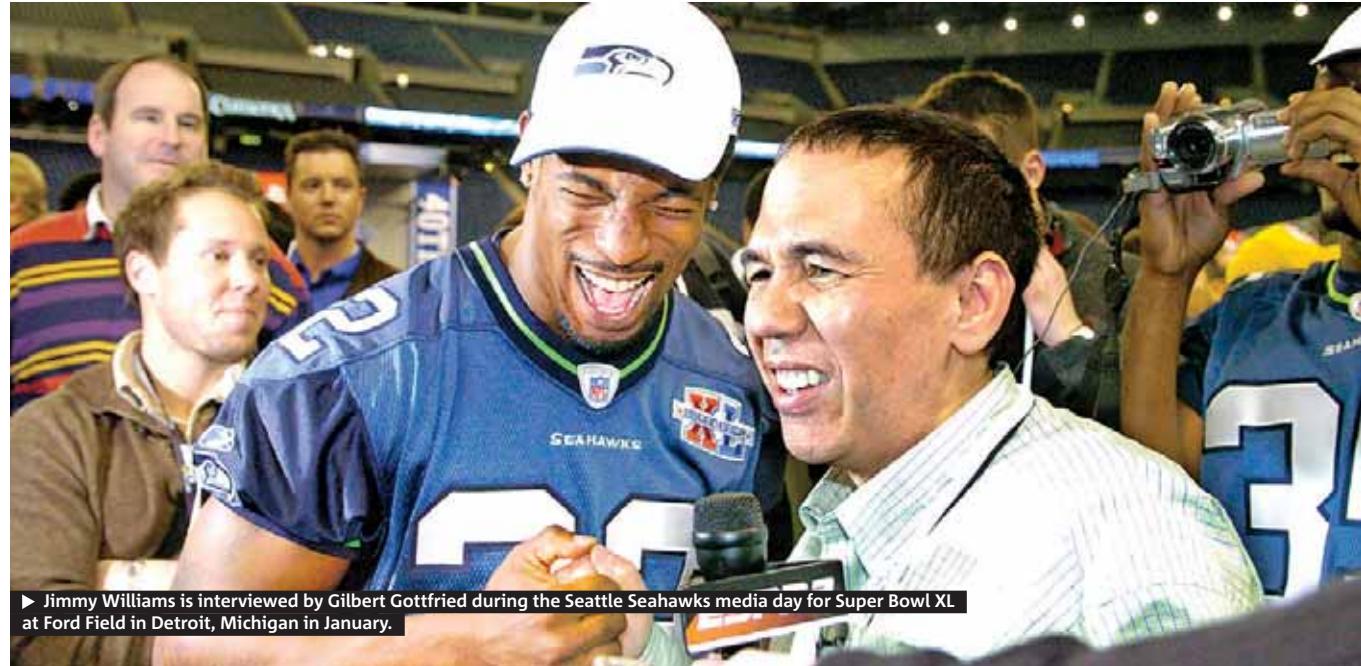
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Shatner



William Shatner will star in a one-man show called *Shatner's World: We Just Live in It*. Previews begin Feb. 14 and it runs at the Music Box Theatre until Mar. 4. Shatner was last on Broadway in *A Shot in the Dark* in 1961. The former *T.J. Hooker* star won an Emmy for his work on *Boston Legal*.

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# 'Too stupid to stop trying'

► **Gottfried hangs his comedic success on some strange things** ► **Performing in Calgary**

## BACKSTAGE PASS

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When I was first asked to interview Gilbert Gottfried, I said yes but was nervous as hell.

Almost immediately, I had flashbacks to Gottfried in *Problem Child*.

All I could picture was him leaning into the camera and screaming with that distinctive squawky

voice.

I couldn't help but wonder if he would yell at me.

After all, his new realm of raunchy comedy is an acquired taste and I was curious if that persona translated to the way he gave interviews.

"I'm not sure if I'll ever really know if I made it," Gottfried humbly confesses when I ask about what he defines as his big break.

"I think I was just too stupid to stop trying."

Claiming to be too stupid proved to be Gottfried's calling card throughout the interview, especially when I asked about his ambition to pio-

## Gilbert

### The man behind the jokes

► **Background** Gottfried's first big break came in 1980 when he was picked up by *Saturday Night Live*. He's known as the king of quirky roles. And he has been described as the most disgusting comic of all time.

neer a comedy genre that was sure to meet a lot of resistance from the critics.

It left me puzzled. Surely, someone who

actually thought they were stupid wouldn't be destined for such success.

I wondered if this was actually his disclaimer so that he could get away with pushing the envelope, something he mastered at an early age.

At just 15, he began doing stand-up at open mike nights in New York City.

"Back then, I didn't know if I was good enough to be doing this," he says.

"No one was really doing comedy back then, so I think I became known by default."

Whether it was luck or a stroke of genius, Gottfried has gone on to shape

an entire industry with stints at MTV and NBC, along with a laundry list of box office hits.

Now, he's adding author to his résumé.

*Rubber Balls and Liquor* (apparently the dirty version similar to the jinx, "you owe me a coke") is not only the name of this recently published book,

which is described as part memoir, part bathroom scratching, but it's also the name of his comedy tour.

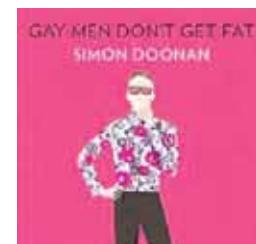
Gottfried is appearing at the Yuk Yuks Elbow River Casino from Jan. 19 to 21.

Tickets range from \$12 to \$19 and are available via [yukyuks.com](http://yukyuks.com).

# Ambassador for living the fab life

Skinny French chicks and roly-poly straight men. Lesbian chic and the chaotic state of style. Nothing and nobody escapes the gaydar of the Simon Doonan in his new book, *Gay Men Don't Get Fat*. The diminutive Doonan was creative director at Barneys for 25 years. After a shake-up at the retailer, he's now creative ambassador-at-large. **You say the intended audience is straight women.**

**Do straight women need educating?**  
I want to liberate the women of the world and teach them to live with the stylish bravado of we gays — and wee gays like me. Being a woman has become so complicated and pressurized. I want to make it easier, or maybe just more creative. Fashion and style should be about personal expression. **Do you really fly coach?**



I'm not part of the one per cent. I'm a hardworking gay who is proud to fly

coach, but only on short flights. I also ride the subway, and not in a Marie Antoinette kind of way. It really is the easiest way to get around.

**You used to do the windows at Barneys. Do you miss that?**

I dressed windows for almost 40 years. When I finally put down the glue gun last year it was something of a relief. However, I would highly recom-

mend a career in window display to any budding fashionista.

**How would you define your approach to clothes and life?**

I'm a charismatic deviant with a freaky world view. I'm determined to extract all the nuggets and nuances from my fabulous gay life and hurl them at the general population with tremendous force and gusto.

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Stage and screen legends Peterson, Plummer up for ACTRA acting prizes

# Clouds in her copy

► **Music biographer Stephen Davis finds 'there is more room in a broken heart' with his book on Carly Simon**  
 ► **True to form, the writer delivers a candid account of the singer's life and drops a biography bombshell**



► Singer Carly Simon is said to not be happy about a tell-all from music biographer Stephen Davis.



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When Stephen Davis gave Carly Simon a first look at his new book, *More Room in a Broken Heart: The True Adventures of Carly Simon*, he enclosed a note.

"I sent her the galley, you know, the uncorrected proofs, and I said, 'Carly, if you like this book, I haven't done my job,'" Davis reveals.

The veteran music writer was right.

"I've talked to members of her family and they say that she is upset with the book, and it's not a good idea to get Carly Simon upset at you," says Davis. "On the other hand, it would have been an even worse idea to write a boring book about Carly Simon."

More Room is a far from boring account of the life of the iconic singer and her five-decade career, which is rife with huge hurdles of neuroses, great leaps in songwriting, and it features bizarre cameos by the most important personalities of her time.

A sampling from her youth: Pete Seeger was her kindergarten music teacher; Jackie Robinson played second base in family softball games; George Gershwin came over to

hear how Summertime would sound with her mom singing; MLK and Einstein visited for lunch. Later in the book, Marvin Gaye comes onto her, Jeremy Irons has a controversial cameo (see Irons in the fire, right, for more on that) and she gets Mick Jagger to sing on her biggest hit.

A 'did they?/didn't they?' theme recurs throughout the book.

She also enjoys romances with Cat Stevens, Kris Kristofferson, Warren Beatty, lots of drummers, and most notably, she endures a decade-long marriage to James Taylor that saw fire and rain.

"I think she feels that the book is too revealing," says Davis, who usually drops at least one big bombshell with every musical biography he writes, including previous subjects Led Zeppelin, Michael Jackson and Aerosmith. And Simon has been publicly making her displeasure with the book known through various outlets, but the way Davis sees it, if she's providing free advertising, nobody does it better.

"If she would just be quiet," he muses, "you know, you can't buy the publicity that she's giving this book."

## Irons in the fire

In More Room, Davis discloses that in 1984, actor Jeremy Irons cheated on his wife with Carly Simon and got the singer pregnant. She underwent an abortion, which she said was 'still a terrible source of pain and guilt.' "No one ever put that together before because it was very

quiet ... but she told me about that," says Davis. "And I asked her about that in July and I said, 'Look, I'm going to publish this.' We had been talking about Jeremy Irons and I said, 'What about him getting you pregnant?' There was this terrible silence. And then she goes, 'How did you know that?' And I said, 'Well, you told me five

years ago when I was doing the *Reflections* liner notes.' She then said, 'Well, I won't deny it.'

**"It would have been an even worse idea to write a boring book about Carly Simon."**

STEPHEN DAVIS

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# Is Khloe really a Kardashian?

► Report claims that Kardashian patriarch had doubts she was his daughter

## THE WORD

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When one gazes at the Kardashian sisters (as we often do, since they are more omnipresent than Starbucks), do you ever think, "Hmmm ... Which of these things is not like the other?"

If you, too, think Khloe Kardashian doesn't resemble her famous sisters, you aren't the only one — Kris

Jenner has had to squelch rumours of her paternity for years. But now Robert Kardashian's ex-wife and widow have come forward in a Star magazine exclusive in which they both claim that the late Kardashian expressed his doubts that he was indeed the father of Khloe.

"Khloe is not his kid — he told me that after we got married," Jan Ashley, 63, the woman who married Robert after Kris Jenner, revealed to Star.

"He just kind of looked at me and said (it) like it was a matter of fact. He said, 'Well, you know that



Khloe's not really a Kardashian, don't you?' And I said ... 'OK,' and that was it."

But that's not all. Ellen

Kardashian, 63, who married Robert in 2003 just two months before his death, says she has her doubts as well.

"Khloe brought it up all the time," Ellen told Star.

"She looked nothing like the rest. She was tall, had a different shape, light hair, curly hair. Didn't look anything like the other three children."

Whatever you do, Khloe, never, ever take a DNA test. For now, you get the best of both worlds: A cut of the Kardashian empire without having to be biologically related to them.



► Lindsay Lohan

## Bad week gets worse for Lindsay Lohan

Lindsay Lohan isn't having a great week.

First off, the IRS has reportedly obtained a lien against Lohan for \$93,701.57 for failure to pay her federal income tax for 2009, according to TMZ.

And now the troubled actress is being sued by a paparazzo who claims he was injured while being struck by Lohan's car while she

was leaving a club in 2010, according to Hollyscoop.

Lohan wasn't driving the car, but Balyan's lawyer, Neil Steiner, claims she's still at fault because the driver was operating under her instruction.

Steiner says they tried to settle with Lohan's insurance company, which made "an insignificant offer."

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## Celebrity tweets



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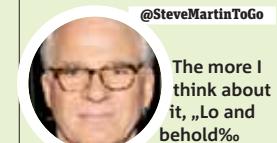
Waited all yr+Finally I have time off, time 4 rest n quiet. Suddenly all the silence is being drowned by my thoughts! No sleep

@rihanna



New goal: look like @jessicaalba after baby. Job well done lady!

@jessicasimpson



The more I think about it, "Lo and behold%" would be great in rap vernacular. Going to make some calls.

@SteveMartinToGo

## Halle Berry is off the market

Halle Berry and Olivier Martinez are reportedly engaged, according to Us Weekly.

Berry, who has been married twice before, "had given up on being married, but she trusts Olivier," a source says.

"He makes her feel safe. He's a keeper."

Martinez reportedly popped the question over the holidays with an emerald-and-diamond en-

agement ring. The pair met in 2010 as co-stars on the film Dark Tide and started dating soon after.

Berry was previously married to baseball player David Justice and singer Eric Benet, and she has a three-year-old daughter, Nahla, with ex-boyfriend Gabriel Aubrey.

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# A fierce start to the new year

● Wildlife-inspired prints have become a second skin to trend trackers who can't get enough of their zebra minis and leopard coats ● We've picked out our favourite ferocious accessories to complement the most somber of outfits



► Fashion blogger  
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just the right amount of  
leopard in New York.

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'Alex' lion-paw pumps  
\$4,000, [christianlouboutin.fr](http://christianlouboutin.fr)

**4 MULBERRY**

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\$180, [mulberry.com](http://mulberry.com)

**5 UNDERGROUND**

suede double creepers, \$170,  
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# Look ahead to salad days

While stews simmer on the stove, we anticipate the refreshing salads of spring. Get in the mood with **Toasted Quinoa & Asparagus Salad**



► The recipe serves six.

Quinoa, a gluten-free grain that is high in magnesium, is landing on healthiest food lists everywhere. This quinoa and asparagus salad can be topped with meat or additional veggies.

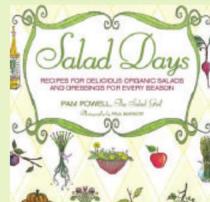
## Toasted Quinoa and Asparagus Salad Preparation:

**1** In nonstick skillet heat oil over medium heat and cook onions and garlic 3 mins. or until softened and fragrant. Add quinoa and toast,

stirring for 3 mins. or until fragrant and beginning to pop. Add orange juice and bring to boil. Cover and reduce heat to low; simmer 15 mins.

**2** Stir in asparagus and pepper; cover and cook 10 mins or until liquid is absorbed. Remove from heat; let stand 5 mins. Using fork, fluff quinoa and place in large bowl. Let cool slightly; stir in basil. Season with salt, pepper. **NEWS CANADA/ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS**

## Weekly Cookbook



*Salad Days: Recipes for Delicious Organic Salads and Dressings for Every Season* by Pam Powell offers 60 colour photos, illustrations, a salad basics chapter, and a resource guide to complement a fantastic collection of salad and dressing recipes.

Recipes include: Apple and Roasted Beet Salad with Fruit, Nuts, Gorgonzola, and Watercress; Pecan-Crusted Goat Cheese and Micro Greens with Crisp Apple Maple-Brushed Crostini; and more.

### Ingredients:

- 2 tbsp (25 mL) olive oil
- 4 green onions, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 cup (250 mL) quinoa, rinsed
- 2 cups (500 mL) Florida orange juice
- 1 cup (250 mL) chopped fresh asparagus
- 1 small orange bell pepper, chopped
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) fresh basil
- Salt and black pepper

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# 4 sports

## Flames preview

Anaheim at Calgary  
7:30 p.m.  
TV: SNET



The Flames (20-19-5) welcome Anaheim (13-22-6), which is on a three-game winning streak, but has won only three of 18 road games this season. With Jonas Hiller (lower body) out, Jeff Deslauriers made 26 saves in his first NHL start of the season when the Ducks defeated Dallas 5-2 on Tuesday. Saku Koivu scored his second career hat trick in the game. Koivu has nine points in five games since missing eight with a groin strain. Niklas Hagman has assists in each of his last three games.

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# Awards, both good and bad

## THE HOCKEY NEWS

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Sitting in 12th place in the West at the halfway point, the Flames are doing a little worse than The Hockey News predicted (10th), a fair bit worse than I prognosticated (eighth) and significantly worse, I suspect, than the organization expected (sure fire playoff spot).

So with disappointment as a backdrop to this mid-season review, here's an assortment of awards as the glass is both half-full and half-empty.

**Most valuable player:** Miikka Kiprusoff. His save percentage and goals-against average don't rank among the top 20, but the Flames would be lost without him. He's having a better-than-average Kipper year. If he was having an average Kipper year or worse, the Flames would be dead and buried.

**Most valuable skater:** Curtis Glencross. He has transformed his game from third-line grinding contributor to 35-goal form on the top line. He's a huge bargain at \$2.55 million.

**Most disappointing skater:** Rene Bourque. Mikael Backlund's eight points in 29 games is dreadful, but at least he has youth and effort on his



► Miikka Kiprusoff has been the Flames' most valuable player so far, writes Brian Costello.

side. Who would have guessed a once-feisty Bourque would morph into a gliding, along-for-the-ride one-dimensional triggerman with a propensity for lazy penalties?

**Most impressive newcomer:** T.J. Brodie. Rookie Derek Smith had a lock on this award until an injury. Since then, Brodie has raised his level of confidence and been Calgary's

best blueliner the past half-dozen games. He has a high panic threshold and an adventurous style about his game.

**Most disappointing newcomer:** Blake Comeau. All that speed, little to show for it. Reminds me of a poor man's Matthew Lombardi. I was hoping for more from Lee Stempniak, as well. The Flames won't become second-half con-

tenders unless they get secondary scoring.

**Hardest worker:** Tim Jackman. It doesn't bother me his goal count has slipped from 10 last season to one through 43 games. On the frequent occasion when the Flames are over-worked and lethargic, it's a shift from Jackman and Tom Kostopoulos that invariably gets the energy level moving.

**Most dire injury:** Alex Tanguay. It would have been great to see Backlund on the top line from Game 1 and the loss of Mark Giordano has been felt, but mainly offset by the strong play of Brodie and Smith. But without Tanguay, the Flames attack has been pop-gun beyond the first line. That cost the team several crucial points on the recent road trip.

# Comatose skier Burke undergoes surgery

Canadian freestyle skier Sarah Burke remained in an induced coma after suffering a head injury in a crash while training on a superpipe, officials said Wednesday.

The nature of Burke's injuries have not been disclosed.

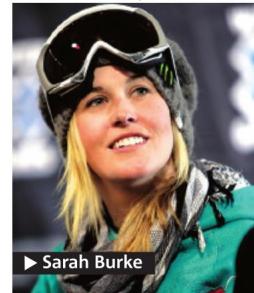
In a statement released by the Canadian Freestyle Ski Association, a doctor at the University of Utah hospital said Burke "sustained serious injuries and remains intubated and sedat-

ed in critical condition."

Chris Nelson, assistant vice-president for public affairs at the hospital, said Burke was having surgery Wednesday afternoon.

Dr. Robert Foxford, the Canadian Freestyle Ski Association team doctor, said he has received little information from the medical officials treating Burke.

"That would be standard with people with a significant head injury, that the brain is put to rest, there is an induced coma, and they



**"Sarah is a very strong young woman and she will most certainly fight to recover."**

SARAH BURKE'S HUSBAND RORY BUSHFIELD IN A STATEMENT

a conference call.

Burke's husband, Rory Bushfield, and members of her family were with her.

Burke is a halfpipe pioneer who also lobbied tirelessly to get her sport included in the Winter Olympics. Halfpipe skiing will debut at the 2014 Games in Sochi, Russia.

She was airlifted from

give them medication to make sure there's almost no brain activity," he said in

Park City, Utah, to Salt Lake City after crashing at the end of a training run Tuesday in advance of the Winter X Games in Aspen, Colo.

The native of Barrie, Ont., who grew up in nearby Midland before moving to Squamish, B.C., was training with a private group at the time of the accident. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-NY Rangers	40	27	9	1	3	118	83	58	13-3-0-2	14-6-1-1	8-2-0-0	W1
d-Boston	39	27	11	0	1	146	76	55	15-7-0-1	12-4-0-0	8-2-0-0	W1
d-Florida	42	21	13	4	4	109	116	50	11-4-1-4	10-9-3-4	4-4-2-0	W1
Philadelphia	41	25	12	2	2	139	122	54	10-6-1-1	15-6-1-1	5-4-0-1	W1
Ottawa	44	23	15	4	2	140	144	52	14-8-0-1	9-7-4-1	7-2-1-0	W2
New Jersey	43	24	17	1	1	119	124	50	11-7-0-1	13-10-1-0	5-4-1-0	W1
Toronto	42	22	15	3	2	135	131	49	12-5-2-2	10-10-1-0	6-2-2-0	W4
Washington	41	22	17	0	2	119	120	46	15-9-0-1	7-12-0-1	6-3-0-1	W1
Pittsburgh	42	21	17	2	2	124	112	46	11-8-2-0	10-9-0-2	4-6-0-0	L6
Winnipeg	42	20	17	3	2	112	124	45	14-6-0-1	6-11-3-1	5-4-0-1	L1
Buffalo	42	18	19	3	2	107	123	41	10-9-3-2	8-10-0-0	2-6-1-1	L3
Montreal	42	16	19	2	5	109	117	39	7-8-2-4	9-11-0-1	3-7-0-0	L1
Tampa Bay	41	17	20	1	3	113	141	38	11-5-0-1	6-15-1-2	3-5-1-1	L4
NY Islanders	40	15	19	4	2	98	126	36	9-9-3-4	6-10-1-2	5-5-0-0	W1
Carolina	44	14	23	4	3	113	148	35	10-11-0-3	4-12-4-0	4-5-0-1	L2

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Vancouver	44	27	14	0	3	144	108	57	12-5-0-2	15-9-0-1	6-3-0-1	W1
d-St. Louis	42	25	12	0	5	110	89	55	17-3-0-5	8-9-0-3	6-3-0-1	W4
d-San Jose	39	23	11	3	2	116	94	51	14-7-2-0	9-4-1-2	7-1-1-1	L1
Chicago	43	25	13	2	3	139	125	55	15-5-1-3	8-10-1-0	4-5-1-0	W1
Detroit	42	26	15	1	0	135	99	53	15-2-1-0	11-13-0-0	6-4-0-0	L1
Nashville	42	23	15	3	1	115	115	50	12-7-2-1	11-8-1-0	6-4-0-0	W2
Minnesota	43	22	15	2	4	101	108	50	12-6-2	10-9-1-2	2-7-0-1	W1
Los Angeles	43	21	15	3	4	93	95	49	13-10-2	8-5-3-2	6-1-1-2	W1
Dallas	41	23	17	0	1	114	119	47	13-0-7-1	10-10-0-0	5-5-0-0	L1
Colorado	44	23	20	1	0	115	124	47	13-11-0-0	10-9-1-0	7-3-0-0	L2
Phoenix	43	20	17	3	3	109	111	46	8-8-2-1	12-9-1-2	3-4-2-1	L1
Calgary	44	20	19	3	2	109	127	53	12-5-1-2	8-14-2-1	5-4-1-0	W2
Edmonton	42	16	22	1	3	112	121	36	10-6-1-2	6-16-0-4	2-7-1-0	L4
Anaheim	41	13	22	2	4	104	135	32	10-12-10	3-10-1-4	4-5-0-1	W3
Columbus	42	11	26	1	4	101	120	27	6-11-1-2	5-15-0-2	2-7-0-1	L2

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

## Last night's results

New Jersey 2 Edmonton 1 (OT)  
Washington 1 Pittsburgh 0

## Tuesday's results

Calgary 6 New Jersey 3

Ottawa 5 Pittsburgh 1

Toronto 2 Buffalo 0

Vancouver 5 Tampa Bay 4 (SO)

Boston 5 Winnipeg 3

St. Louis 3 Montreal 0

Anaheim 5 Dallas 2

Chicago 5 Columbus 2

Minnesota 5 San Jose 4 (SO)

Nashville 4 Colorado 4

NY. Rangers 2 Phoenix 1 (SO)

## DEVILS 2, OILERS 1 (OT)

First Period — No Scoring.

Penalties — None.

## Second Period

1. New Jersey, Kovalchuk 17, 8:35 (sh)

Penalties — Parise NJ (tripping) 4:07, Clarkson NJ (interference) 6:44, Parise NJ (hooking) 18:38.

## Third Period

2. Edmonton, Hemsky 4 (Potter, Hall) 8:32 (pp)

Penalties — Carter NJ (interference) 2:20, Smyth Edm (goaltender interference) 3:07, Elias NJ (tripping) 8:23, Potter Edm (tripping) 19:24.

## Overtime

3. New Jersey, Parise 15 (Elias, Kovalchuk) 1:06 (pp)

## Shots on goal by

New Jersey 4 10 9 2-25

Edmonton 9 6 8 0-23

Goal — New Jersey: Hedberg (W, 12-7-1);

Edmonton: Khabibulin (L, 11-12-4).

## TONIGHT'S games — All Times Eastern

Montreal at Boston, 7 p.m.

Philadelphia at NY. Islanders, 7 p.m.

Ottawa at NY. Rangers, 7 p.m.

Carolina at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.

Phoenix at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.

Vancouver at St. Louis, 8 p.m.

Colorado at Nashville, 8 p.m.

San Jose at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m.

Minnesota at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.

Anaheim at Calgary, 9:30 p.m. (changed from 9 p.m.)

Dallas at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Philadelphia at NY. Rangers, 10:30 p.m.

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## Crossword

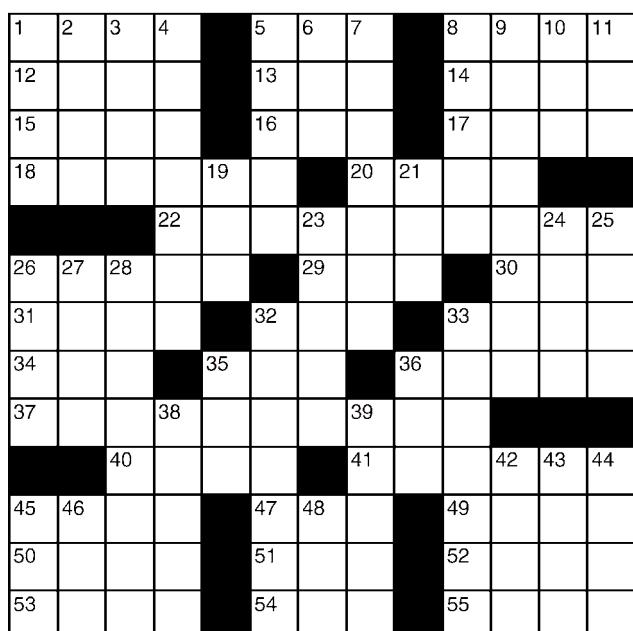
## Across

1 Volcanic spillage  
5 Solo of "Star Wars"  
8 Bang the door loudly  
12 Troop group  
13 Inseparable  
14 Caffeine-rich nut  
15 Swag  
16 Twitch  
17 Terrible guy?  
18 Loosen a sneaker  
20 Dandling locale  
22 One way to quit  
26 Ungainly  
29 Cage piece  
30 Born  
31 Raw minerals  
32 "See ya"  
33 TV chef Cat  
34 Have a bug  
35 "Ulalume" writer  
36 Croc's cousin  
37 Speak frankly  
40 Transaction  
41 Nerve tissue cell  
45 Pic you can click  
47 Conk out

49 Unaccompanied  
50 Beach matter  
51 Geological period  
52 Right angles  
53 Sandwich cookie  
54 Roulette bet  
55 Do in

## Down

1 Humdinger  
2 Any time now  
3 String instrument  
4 Assaults  
5 "Monopoly" building



6 Singer DiFranco  
7 Cravat  
8 Lindsey Vonn, for one  
9 Entwined symbol of affection  
10 — carte  
11 Fellow  
19 Demure  
21 Gist  
23 Laundromat machine  
24 Architect Saarinen  
25 Calendar quota  
26 Capricorn  
27 Met melody



## Today's horoscope

## ♈ Aries March 21-April 20

People come to you with their problems all the time. But at some stage today, you'll have to make it clear that enough is enough.

## ♉ Taurus April 21-May 21

Ignore work problems until the Sun crosses the career angle of your chart on the Jan. 20.

## ♊ Gemini May 22-June 21

The Sun in Capricorn at this time of year tends to make life look gray. You have plenty to look forward to.

## ♋ Cancer June 22-July 22

Go out and enjoy yourself today but watch how much you spend and who you spend it on.

## ♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23

You may be spontaneous by nature but time spent planning today will not be time wasted.

## ♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22

Look for compromise solutions today. That might not be easy when everyone else seems to be looking for reasons to argue.

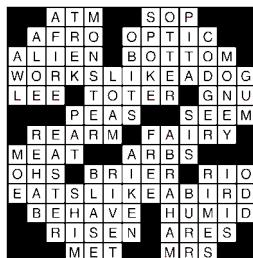
## ♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23

No matter how secure you may feel in your current situation, you can sense that changes are coming.

## ♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Don't let anyone get away with saying things about you that are not true today. Stand up for yourself.

## ► Yesterday's answer



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## ♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21

Make a point of telling a friend how much he or she means to you.

## ♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20

Anyone who thinks you'll give up easily will learn the hard way today that Capricorns aren't quitters.

## ♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18

Just over a week from now, the Sun will move into your birth sign and a new solar year will begin. Conserve your energy, you'll need it.

## ♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March

Someone you meet may be fun to be with but don't be foolish and trust him or her with personal information.

• SALLY BROMPTON

## Sudoku



## How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ►



## A look at the weather

TODAY  
Min -8°  
Max 0°



FRIDAY  
Min 1°  
Max 5°



SATURDAY  
Min -4°  
Max 3°



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Andrew Schultz,  
Meteorologist

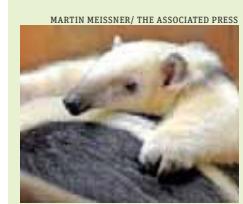
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V.T. Love is quite warm sensing, why are you saying it's complicated? I want to know something still confused. Let's meet some time. LOST

r. mendgen

I love you so much that you are engraved into my existence. When I'm with you I bask in the essence of who you are. Your love is like the sun, it wraps around me engulfing me in warmth. Happy valentines RICARDO C

treasure, You put up this strong manly exterior, but your eyes show me your in a lot of pain. You speak, but your not speaking with your heart. So next time when you see me take off your disguise and stop depriving yourself and your heart from what it deserves and speak 2 me from the heart. You too deserve to be happy! P.S I never thought of you as a quitter, more as a fighter... ME



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